

AMENDMENT under *Ex parte Quayle*
U.S. Appln. No. 09/882,270

REMARKS

Claims 25-45 are all the claims pending in the application and stand allowed except for formal matters. Applicant solicits a notice of allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS.

Applicant kindly thanks the Examiner for the indication that all the pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance with the exception of minor formal matters. By the amendments above and remarks below, Applicant addresses the formal matters raised in the Office Action.

FORMAL MATTERS.

SPECIFICATION INCLUDING ABSTRACT

The Examiner objects to the abstract and various passages of the specification and requests Applicant to address the noted issues. By the foregoing amendments, Applicant believes the Examiner's concerns are fully addressed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CLAIMS

The Examiner indicates that certain suggested amendments to claims 25 and 32 would better characterize the invention. While Applicant believes the skilled artisan clearly understands the claims as previously presented, Applicant adopts the Examiner's suggestions to expedite issuance of this application. Since the Office Action indicated that these claims were allowable prior to this amendment, Applicant believes the foregoing amendments are not

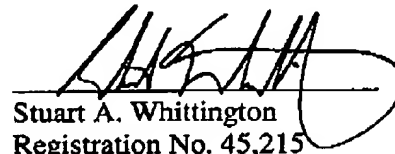
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required for reasons relating to patentability. Moreover, the scope of the pending claims is not believed to have been narrowed in any manner by the foregoing amendments.

CONCLUSION.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee or deficiency thereof, except for the Issue Fee, is to be charged to **Deposit Account # 50-0221.**

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